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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chairman
USIB Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges

SUBJECT : Proposed Exchange of Experts in the Use of
Diamond Bits or Instruments for Precision
Tooling

Mr. Merrill (P/EWC) reports that the Soviet Embassy made a verbal proposal to his office on September 11 for an exchange of experts in the use of diamond bits or instruments for precision tooling. The Embassy was unable to specify whether the Soviets envisaged a large or small delegation and could not indicate the length of visits contemplated.

It would be appreciated if you would present this proposal to the Committee for an evaluation of its probable net intelligence gain or loss and for the Committee's advice as to itineraries and personnel. It is expected that this evaluation would assist the Department to determine whether an agreement in principle can be reached on this exchange, which might be scheduled during the current year.

/s/

A. SIDNEY BUFORD, III
Director
Office of Intelligence
Resources and Coordination

cc:P/EWC - Mr. Merrill
IRS - Mr. Henry

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